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REF: (A) STATE 57630, (B) STATE 55170, (C) STATE 63338.

PROFESSOR LENNART ALBANUS, CHIEF OF TOXICOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT,
NATIONAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION (SLV) PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMA-
TION IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL C: (1) THERE ARE NO PLANS TO FORBID
USE OF SACCHARIN IN SWEDEN AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, SOME ACTION
WILL BE TAKEN TO REDUCE ITS USE. (2) THE SLV REQUIRES THAT
FOOD AND DRINK CONTAINING SACCHARIN BE SO LABELED. (3) SACCHARIN
IS PERMITTED AS AN ADDITIVE IN ICE CREAM, BREAD, SOFT DRINKS,
AND CHOCOLATE. IT IS FORBIDDEN IN BABY FOODS AND CERTAIN DAIRY
PRODUCTS. (4) ABOUT 12 TONS OF SACCHARIN TABLETS ARE CONSUMED
ANNUALLY. (5) DIABETICS ARE TREATED BY PHYSICIANS WHO PRE-
SCRIBE FOOD AND DRINK THAT THE PATIENT MAY CONSUME; THEREFORE
DEPENDENCE ON SACCHARIN IS NOT SIGNIFICANT. (6) SLV REQUESTED
THAT CANADIAN RESEARCH REPORT, WHICH LED TO THE BAN ON SACCHARIN,
BUT WERE INFORMED THAT "A LONG TIME MAY ELAPSE BEFORE THE
REPORT IS FINISHED."
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